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For: HYDRAULIC COMPENSATION FOR  
MAGNETICALLY BIASED FLUID  
DYNAMIC BEARING MOTOR

Examiner: J. Krause

### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This RCE and amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated May 23, 2006 (Paper No. 00051906), for which a response was due on August 23, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to September 23, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.